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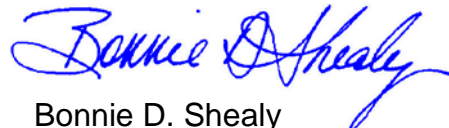
**Re: Birch Communications, Inc., Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. and  
American Fiber Network, Inc. application for approval to transfer  
assets**

Dear Jocelyn:

Enclosed for filing please find the verified Joint Application of Birch Communications, Inc.; Birch Telecom of the South, Inc., doing business as Birch Communications (collectively "Birch"); and American Fiber Network, Inc. for approval to transfer American Fiber Network, Inc.'s assets and South Carolina customer base to Birch. The verified testimony of Christopher Bunce on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. in support of the Joint Application is also enclosed for filing. By copy of this letter we are providing the same to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, MCFADDEN & MOORE, P.C.



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